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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

From: Admiral Robinson

Subj: Soviet Surveillance of Black Sea Operation,
November 27 - December 2, 1970

Yesterday you asked me to inform you as to the level of Soviet surveillance of the recent U. S. Naval maneuver in the Black Sea.

Upon entering into the Black Sea, our destroyers were briefly illuminated by a Soviet intelligence collection ship.

During daylight hours on November 28, the destroyers were shadowed by the same ship and a Kilden Class guided missile destroyer. There were several overflights by one TU-16 Badger aircraft at 500', one IL-28 Beagle aircraft and one BE-12 Mail aircraft at higher altitudes. The U.S. destroyers were not harrassed.

On November 29, U.S.S. PERRY gained sonar contact and interrupted underwater telephone sound contact.

On November 30, the intelligence collection ship was replaced by a Skoryy class destroyer. The U.S. destroyers were shadowed until one hour prior to exit on December 2.

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